

VA. POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE TEAM

The Championship of the South Is Their Ambition.

A LITTLE NEARER EACH YEAR

Close Rivalry for Places On the Present Year Team.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLACKSBURG, VA., October 14.—Football at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute has had an uphill history. For ten years the teams have been battling for the supremacy of the State and of the South, and each year has seen them approach nearer and nearer the coveted goal. Thirteen years ago the college was one of almost unnoticed significance.



MILES, CAPTAIN 1902.



CARPENTER, CAPTAIN 1903.

and from seclusion, almost oblivion, it has become the greatest educational factor for Virginians in the State of Virginia, and with last season's record to back up the statement, more natives of Virginia matriculated in her classes than in the classes of the two next largest institutions of the State. It can be no matter of wonder, then, that V. P. I. has striven to overcome a leadership in athletics, which has already been overcome in academic and collegiate attendance.

For several years the Varsity team has defeated teams no other Southern teams could defeat, but by some mischance has gone down before other teams whose records were not so good as her own. Fate has wrung from her hands victories well won by her, and scores have told tales of defeat which were really monuments of success.

In the latter includes the names of Ingalls and Johnson and Hart and James were the names of the football world, but for the lack of general support and on account of the inability to secure sufficient men from among the student body to make up a fully equalized team, all that was gained was recognition among the colleges of the State. The early thoughts, however, saw a large increase in the student body and embryonic players came in by the dozens. These men had to be developed, of course, for no one knew their latent powers and some of them had never seen a football before. The much sought after honor of being a first team man, no doubt, drew out several men who are now acknowledged masters of the football art. It took hard earned victories against the University of North Carolina, Georgetown University, and the Naval Academy to convince the men they had football prowess and skill, and now that confidence has been won nothing in the football circles seems to daunt the courage of the men. On Saturday the team meets the giants of West Point in the first contest ever waged by the army team against a Southern college, and the representatives of the institute are looking forward with confidence to a close game. With the defeat of Roanoke College by 86 to 6 and of Cumberland University by 23 to 6, the team has already shown its ability to pile score against an ordinary foe and to win from metal more worthy of her steel. West Point has a formidable reputation, but nothing daunted, the "echs" will attack the army with confident force to establish it as a realization that the people of the South are not all dull, and its young men all laxards.

The squad work has been all that could be expected under the unfavorable opening conditions. The delay of the opening of the season of action has resulted in the team's lacking the finishing touches which make a set of strong men invincible, but everybody is hopeful of a good season, and the local supporters are proclaiming aloud a superiority of the entire South.

Stickling, who made right guard last year, is again fighting for the position, and will no doubt play in every game. Left guard is as yet an unsettled question. Cunningham, Walker, Varner and Duffield are running close in the race, and each man seems to be about as good as the other.

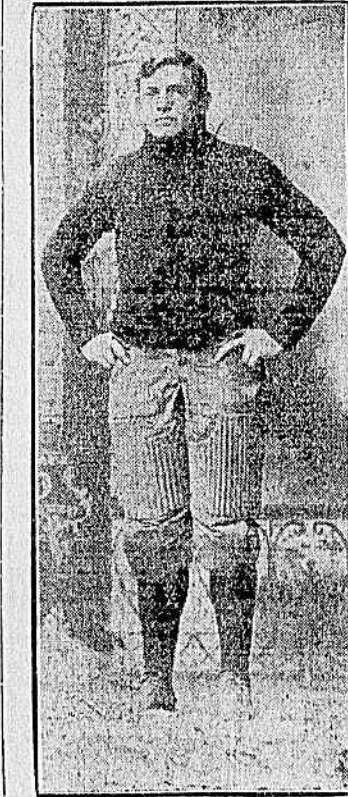
Hynes at right tackle is a sure winner. Swift, aggressive and full of action, he is probably the surest man in the line-up. Wilson, the big left tackle, was last year's captain, and has already won enough glory to need no further mention. Weighing two hundred pounds stripped, he has no trouble in making one hundred yards in eleven seconds, and his staying powers are phenomenal.

Captain Lewis, at right end, is six feet two inches tall, and weighs 190 pounds; runs one hundred yards in ten and nine-tenths seconds, and is considered the fiercest defensive player on the team. His breaking up of plays has always been a marvel of skill and agility.

Webster, at left end, is a new addition and quite untried with his present associates, but his practice work is excellent, and promises ability which will win him credit in match games.

Nutter is having a hard fight with Harris (G. N.) for quarter back, and between them it will be a difficult matter to decide which wins the palm. Each is

aggressive, and either will make a strong man for the position. Tredwell, at left half back, is a great ground runner, and with experience will make almost as good a man as Carpenter, the matchless right half back. Carpenter is scarcely more than a boy, but his wonderful ability to handle himself has made him a watchword in football circles. He weighs 190 pounds stripped, and can run one hundred yards in ten



WILSON, CAPTAIN 1904.

DIAMONDS FOUND IN NORTHWEST

Dr. Ami's Theory of Buried Wealth in Rainy River District Seems Well Founded.

RARE GEMS ON SKELETON

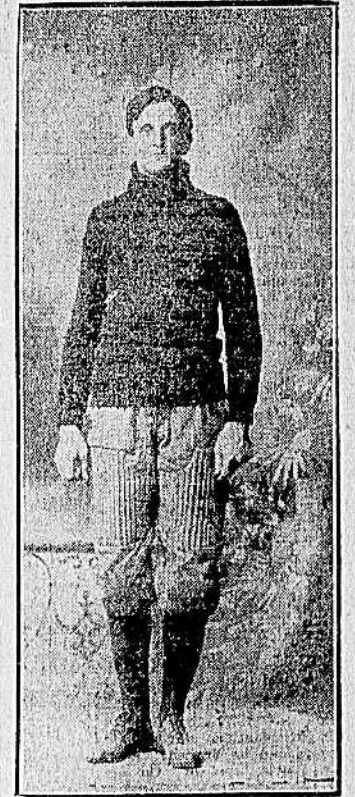
Prospectors Greatly Surprised to Find Them—Valuable Stones for Trifles.

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FORT FRANCIS, ONT., October 14.—Old mining men and prospectors in this region did not need to be told by Dr. Ami, of the Geological Survey, that great diamond wealth undoubtedly lies hidden in that part of Canada between the great lakes and Hudson Bay. In the Rainy River District, and in the auriferous valley of the Seine many "sparklers" have been obtained from Indians and French-Canadian voyagers, who have picked them up in their wanderings without any idea of their character and value.

At the hamlet of Mine Centre, in the Seine River country, George R. Douglass is the resident agent and assayer for the Reithelsh interests, who are buying large tracts of land in the district that give evidence of gold-bearing quartz. Mr. Douglass was long a resident of South Africa. He says the geological conformation of the Rainy Lake and Seine territories is almost identical with that of the Kimberly District, which has given to the world the famous diamond mines. Forty miles from the mouth of the Big Fork River, which empties into the Rainy from Northern Minnesota, are many ancient mounds whose origin extends beyond the traditions of the Ojibwas. Until recently these mounds had been invisible, for they are in a wild region but little visited by white men, and accessible only by canoe. One summer, however, a party of scientists from the University of Toronto came out to explore them. From one of the mounds on which a sturdy oak was growing, a large human skeleton, perfectly preserved, was exhumed. It was not that of an Indian, and in the cavity whence it was taken were evidences of prehistoric civilization, in the form of many articles of pottery, some stamped with unique and beautiful designs.

Diamond On a Skeleton. Around the skeleton's neck was a massive band of pure copper, and its bosom rested a curiously wrought necklace of the same metal, into which were interwoven shells and colored stones. What arrested the attention of the exploring party, however, was a stone which gleamed from the center of a pendant to the necklace. At first it was judged to be nothing more than a clear piece of quartz, but closer examination and testing proved that it was a diamond. Although half a dozen mounds were opened up before the party left the region, and copper ornaments and pottery were found with skeletons in all of them, no more diamonds were unearthed. On going out a band of Ojibwas was met, to whom the articles found in the mounds were shown, in the hope of ob-



LEWIS, CAPTAIN 1905.

taining traditions concerning their origin as to the copper, the Indians were ignorant, but they granted disdaintfully when shown the pottery and the diamond. Specimens of the former, they said, could be obtained in almost any quantity from the remains of an ancient pottery works that once existed on the banks of the Big Fork, near the Big Falls, a few miles up the stream, while in the same region glittering stones of the sort the palefaced seemed to regard so highly had frequently been found.

Fortune Without Knowing It.

Started by the information, the Toronto party rushed on to the Big Falls, which marked in old days the disputed boundary between the Hudson's Bay Company and John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company. There they found an old hermit squatter, Dan Campbell. He took them to the ancient pottery field opposite his cabin and, what was more, brought from a mound which he over-dug three stones of a purity and brilliancy that greatly exceeded that of the one found by his visitors. These stones he had found in the course of his thirty years' living by the Big Fork, while scratching the surface of the pottery field with his hunting knife.

Old Dan had no idea that his finds were anything more than quartz, despite the care with which he had obtained them. He seemed to be of his visitor's assertions that the stones were diamonds that he entrusted them to their care to be appraised in Toronto and their value sent to him. Nor was the party mistaken from its judgment. The four stones were pronounced to be real gems of an aggregate weight of twelve carats and worth \$2,000.

Mr. Douglass was sitting in the trading post at Mine Centre one afternoon when a young Indian and his woman entered to exchange pelts for provisions. They had come by canoe fifty miles down the Seine Valley, strapped to a birch bark frame the mother carried a dog-

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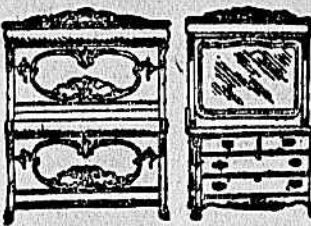
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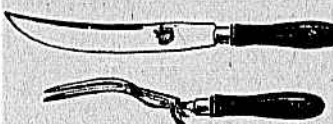
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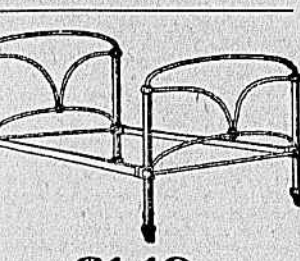
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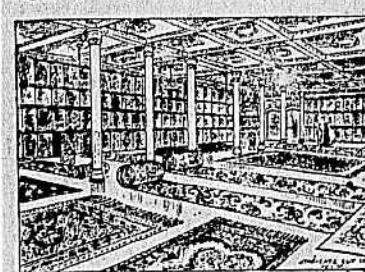
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HEWLETT'S ON A BOOM.

Apple Trees in Bloom With Ripe Fruit Unharvested.

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HEWLETT'S, HANOVER CO., VA., Oct. 14.—Hewlett's is a divided house. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company is putting up a new line of freight cars, and the telephone office combined.

The telephone company is putting up a branch line to connect with Hewlett's. There have been several light frosts, but no damage has been done.

Mrs. Nannie Harrison, who has been summing in Hanover, has already sent her home in Maryland, much improved in health.

Prior to sailing for Europe, Dr. Thomas Nelson Page has been on a visit to his mother. He is also looking over the extensive improvements he is putting on his farm. Dr. Page is one of the most public spirited men in this community, and he is always ready to aid in both public and private enterprises.

Captain R. M. Berkeley has moved his family to Richmond for the winter. Owing to the warm fall and wet summer many apple trees have blossomed the second time, and the fruit has set, and you see the ripe apples on the same branch with the little green ones.

Such a Difference.
Mother (at dinner)—Yes, Dorothy, this is the big shagbush hen.
Dorothy—Goodness! How she must have puffed!—Puff!